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# NDP pitches BC Place sell-off

NDP Leader Adrian Dix stands at the mic, accompanied by party candidates, from left, Matt Toner, Spencer Chandra Herbert and Bruce Ralston on False Creek, overlooking BC Place, Wednesday. The New Democrats have proposed a plan to sell BC Place. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

**Proposal.** If private operator can better run stadium while lifting burden from taxpayers and province, 'we've got a win-win,' Dix says

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For sale: One recently renovated, barely used and overpriced stadium. Cup holders included.

That's the word coming out of the NDP election trail as leader Adrian Dix announced Wednesday his government, if elected, would appoint a panel to scrutinize Crown corporation PavCo with a view of selling BC Place.

"We have priorities, and this is a time — in difficult times — when government has to focus on the fundamentals," said Dix. "Retractable roofs and stadium management are not (fundamentals). If the private sector can do a better job running BC Place stadium, while freeing taxpayers of millions of dollars of losses and reducing the debt, we've got a win-win."

The renovations to BC Place — built in 1983 for $126 million — were completed in 2011 and cost the province $519 million.

Coupled with the $883-million expansion of the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre, Dix argues that the projects are "examples of misplaced priorities of the Liberal government."

In its 2012 financial statements, PavCo has a net debt of $1.2 billion and is running operating losses of nearly $60 million over the next three years.

The stadium is currently used as the home venue for the CFL's B.C. Lions and Major League Soccer's Vancouver Whitecaps. It also hosts trade shows and has booked a few big-ticket concerts.

Liberal Leader Christy Clark dismissed the election promise as a "stunt."

There are concerns about the province getting full value for the facility.

Ontario's provincial government sold the $570-million SkyDome in Toronto to a private consortium in 1994 for $151 million.

The stadium has changed hands three times since then, with Rogers buying it last in 2004 for just $25 million.

Tsur Somerville, director of UBC's Centre for Urban Economics and Real Estate, says the rebranded Rogers Centre carries more value than BC Place because the Toronto Blue Jays have the facility booked for 81 days out of the year.

"That's not including football and other events on top," he said. "You're talking about more people through the gates, but also more value for naming rights and advertising."

Combined, the Lions and Whitecaps host only 27 regular-season games a year at BC Place.

Prospective buyers would be more interested in the development opportunity around BC Place, Somerville adds.

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After years of debate, the Vancouver Art Gallery will move from its location at Robson and Howe to Larwill Park. ERIC DREGER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# It's official: VAG on the move

**2015 deadline for fundraising.**
Council unanimously approves the new Vancouver Art Gallery location at Larwill Park

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Locked away in a storage vault, much of the artwork at the cramped Vancouver Art Gallery in the old courthouse on Robson Street is seen only by a lucky few.

"I'd gladly trade this exclusivity for a gallery that will bring this remarkable collection out of the basement and into the world," the gallery's registrar of collections, Susan Sirovyak, said at city hall Wednesday, as council debated whether to grant the gallery use of downtown's Larwill Park to construct a building twice the size.

In a unanimous decision called both "bold" and "historic," council granted Sirovyak her wish by granting the gallery a 99-year lease on the land after years of debate on the site's future.

That is, of course, if the VAG can raise at least $150 million from the provincial and federal governments, along with millions more in private donations, by the 2015 deadline.

Fundraising may be a challenge due to municipal, provincial and federal elections in the time frame, but Mayor Gregor Robertson said he is excited to represent the cause and help rally support among higher levels of government.

"Vancouver is coming of age as a creative powerhouse," Robertson said — and the VAG is "elated" by his council's "tremendous show of support."

Tears and a standing ovation marked the vote after more than a dozen speakers advocated the project. None spoke against, though vocal opponents, including real-estate marketer Bob Rennie, have argued a purpose-built facility is far too expensive in this economic environment. They proposed a multi-site solution.

Renowned Vancouver artist Paul Wong imagines he would have ended up an "East Van street kid" had he not stepped through the VAG's doors as a young man.

Despite his ups and downs with the gallery — he boycotted it for 18 years — Wong stood in strong support of the new space, adding it would create a cultural corridor between Robson Square and the new location at Cambie and Georgia.

Nerd Corps Entertainment, a local animation firm, also spoke in favour of the gallery as a means to attract creative businesses to town.

"A new purpose-built gallery in the heart of downtown stands as a testament that Vancouver is a creative centre," founder Ace Fipke said. "Creative people want to come to a place where creativity is appreciated."

Tourism Vancouver, union CUPE 15 and philanthropists also supported the gallery, which will include indoor and outdoor public space.

**Land deal gets the green light**

**"This is a great day for Vancouver and the province, and we're looking forward to working together to make the vision of a new gallery a reality."**
**VAG director Kathleen Bartels** in a statement

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The provincial election is upon us.

In an effort to better understand the people leading major political parties, Metro sent questionnaires to the leaders of the Liberals, NDP, Conservatives and Greens.

Next up is B.C. Premier and Liberal leader Christy Clark.

**What's your hobby?**
Reading and running. But these days, I have to say, it's watching kids play hockey.

**What is the best meal you've ever had?**
It has to be Mom's picnics on Spanish Banks — sandy ham sandwiches and blue freezies.

**What is your favourite holiday/getaway spot?**
The Gulf Islands.

**What is the best book you've ever read and why?**
Doris Kearns Goodwin's Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln, which examines his political career, and demonstrates how ideas that are right and moral — but also controversial — can be realized.

**What was the last great movie you've seen?**
Casino Royale or Skyfall.

**What was the moment you decided to get into politics?**
The 1995 nomination, after I came back home from working overseas. I wanted to make a contribution to my province.

**What is your biggest pet peeve?**
Bullies.

**Who was your biggest role model or inspiration as a child?**
My mom and dad.

**Describe the 18-year-old you**
I had a thirst for adventure.

**What is your favourite guilty pleasure?**
That's easy — Nanaimo Bars.

**How would your closest friends describe you?**
Loyal, caring, fun, and, these days, not around very often.

**What is the one thing that can always make you feel better after a really bad day?**
My son.

**If I could have dinner with one historical figure, who would it be?**
One is not fair. I'd like to host a dinner party of historical figures. Among British Columbians, I'd say W.A.C. Bennett.

**What was the first album you owned?**
Prism.

**How do you get to work?**
These days with two Mounties — but not on a horse.

**What's the one thing we'll never see you eat?**

"Tongue sandwich. Never, ever again."

# Officer of sunken B.C. ferry says he didn't tell crew about other vessel

The man navigating a B.C. ferry the night it ran aground and sank says he altered course to avoid another vessel, but didn't tell anyone about the other ship, even though it could have helped in the subsequent rescue effort.

Karl Lilgert was testifying in his own defence for the third day in a row in his trial on charges of criminal negligence causing the death of two passengers in the sinking of the Queen of the North in 2006.

Lilgert, under intense cross-examination by Crown prosecutor Michel Huot, said he altered the course of the ferry towards Gil Island to account for a southerly wind that was pushing the ship closer to another vessel he identified on the radar.

Lilgert said he was shocked to see the trees of Gil Island appear in the ferry window when he believed his intended course should have kept the vessel away from land.

Lilgert and Karen Briker — a deckhand with whom Lilgert had an extramarital affair — were the only two crew on the bridge that night.

"You knew you were responsible for driving that ship into Gil Island," Huot said to Lilgert during cross-examination.

"I never once denied that," Lilgert replied.

"Knowing what you'd done, I take it you were concerned for the welfare of the crew members and passengers?"

"That was my first concern," Lilgert said, his voice cracking.

"Did you mention to anyone at any time that there was a boat nearby that might be able to assist?" the Crown prosecutor asked, referring to the boat Lilgert said he was navigating to avoid.

"I don't remember any of that." THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Course alteration**

**The Crown has alleged Lilgert neglected his duties when he missed a scheduled course alteration and then failed to take any action to avoid Gil Island.**

- **March 22, 2006.** In the early-morning hours, the Queen of the North eventually sank, trapping two passengers who are now presumed dead.

# Court. Province allowed appeal of $254,680 timber burned in fire by CN train

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The province will get another round in a legal fight over the value of timber on Crown land that was burned in a fire caused by a CN train in 2005.

B.C. Court of Appeal Justice Christopher Hinkson decided Wednesday to allow the Crown's appeal of a lower court ruling that concluded CN Rail would only have to pay the stumpage rate of $6,250.50, rather than the $254,680 value claimed by the province.

"The proposed appeal involves the interpretation and application of statutory provisions, which is important to the applicant and to others who may be affected by those provisions," the judge ruled.

"The issue on appeal does not appear to have been considered by other appellate bodies. The benefit to be derived from the appeal is the clarification of the statutory scheme."

The incident took place on July 29, 2005, when a CN Rail train caused a fire from hot metal fragments from the brakes of a westbound train.

The fire spread from the tracks to Crown land, destroying 25,010 cubic metres of timber. At the time, the province had no plans to harvest the timber.

Under the Wildfire Act, a person who has damaged or destroyed Crown timber is required to pay the province for the timber destroyed at the rate of stumpage determined under the Forest Act.

**The dispute**

**The dispute arose over when to value the timber. The province argued that compensation should be calculated at the time the timber was damaged or destroyed. CN argued that the stumpage should be based on a rate on April 1, 2006, when the wood from the site would have been scaled or harvested.**

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# Liberals liken NDP budget to the spendthrift Kardashians

**Hey, big spender.** Grits criticize New Democrats' plans, while NDP questions rivals' forecasts

British Columbians can expect three consecutive deficit budgets if Adrian Dix's New Democrats are elected May 14 and there are no guarantees the province will have climbed out of the red by the fourth year either.

Dix released the NDP's complete election platform Wednesday, saying it will be a challenge to balance the books in the fourth year of an NDP government.

"We are inheriting a very difficult financial situation with a lot of question marks," he said. "There are very real challenges out there and our intention is to manage and to ensure that we meet those targets in the fourth year. But it's going to be, of course, a major challenge, but that is what we'll be tested on and that's what we intend to do."

The New Democrats are basing their own budget deficit projections on their analysis of the current Liberal budget, which has the NDP forecasting deficits of $790 million next year, $847 million in 2014-2015 and $452 million in 2015-2016 if they are elected.

Finance Minister Mike de Jong called the NDP's platform reckless spending that is beyond $3 billion.

"This isn't a platform, this is a weekend with the Kardashians," said de Jong, alluding to the money-is-no-concern outlandish lifestyles of the reality-show family.

The Liberal budget tabled in February forecasts a surplus of $197 million next year and surpluses of $211 million in 2014-2015 and $460 million in 2015-2016.

Says the NDP platform document: "By removing the short-sighted sale of public assets from the budget and restating expenditure growth for vital public services to more realistic and prudent levels, the NDP estimates the real Liberal deficit to be $790 million in 2013-14, $847 million in 2014-15 and $452 million in 2015-16."

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B.C. NDP Leader Adrian Dix makes an announcement about his policy during the B.C. election campaign in Victoria on Wednesday. CHAD HIPOLITO/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Bridging the needs of cars, bikes and walkers

Prepare for traffic snafus on the Burrard Bridge: It's set to get $9 million in repairs over the next two years. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Transit expansion may be caught up in politics, but Vancouver's plans to get people out of cars and onto bikes and sidewalks are rolling on the three False Creek bridges.

The city plans to inject $24.2 million into repairs and upgrades to the Burrard, Granville and Cambie bridges by 2014, according to a presentation on the three bridges to council on Wednesday.

Yes, that includes a pilot project for a "greenway" straight down the middle of the Granville Bridge, along with updates to the collision-prone intersections at the north ends of both the Burrard and Cambie bridges.

While building a park in the middle of the bridge raised some eyebrows when announced, plans are moving ahead with the city and the South Granville BIA discussing where to start the path, city transportation director Jerry Dobrovolny told council.

The city also plans to have separate bike facilities on all bridges to improve connections, but Dobrovolny insists this won't affect vehicle capacity.

It's usually smooth sailing for traffic in the middle of the bridges, Dobrovolny said, so cars won't be affected if the bikes get some of that space. To avoid bottlenecks, the city plans to widen the intersections.

Councillors looking for quicker fixes to pedestrian safety for the 5,000 people that walk across the bridges daily will have to wait until the bigger plans rolls out.

The city needs to time the renovations on each bridge to minimize disruptions for those that live and work downtown and in central Broadway — the two biggest economic centres in the province.

EMILY JACKSON/METRO

**Demand outpaces supply**

## $5M for child care as city aims for 500 new spaces by 2014

Demand for child-care spaces still far outpaces the supply, but Vancouver is helping keep infant and toddler care costs down, according to a staff report.

Though child care isn't necessarily a municipal responsibility, Vancouver has made it a priority and dedicated $5 million from its 2012 budget surplus to supporting new spaces.

The investment is the biggest one-time increase for child care in the city's history, according to the mayor's office.

The city's goal is to build 500 new spaces by 2014. METRO

**During oil change**

## Delta woman sues after falling into mechanic's pit

A Delta woman is suing Mobile 1 Lube Express of Langley, claiming she was severely injured when she fell into a mechanic's pit while having an oil change.

Pamela Williams claims she got out of her car to retrieve an oil filter in her trunk, which she was going to give to the mechanic, when she fell into the open mechanic's pit.

In a legal action filed in B.C. Supreme Court, she claims her fall caused cuts and bruises, a fracture to her left foot and a fracture to her left upper arm bone. Her claims have not been proved in court. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**'Shameful' tweet**

## Conservatives fire candidate over Hitler comment

The B.C. Conservatives have fired a candidate in the May 14 provincial election over comments he made on Twitter involving Nazi dictator Adolph Hitler.

In a Twitter post last fall, Ian Tootill asked "Who's really to blame? Hitler or the people who acted on his words?"

Conservative Leader John Cummins says Tootill's comments are unacceptable and downright shameful.

He says his party believes in a respectful airing of views and Tootill's comments will not be tolerated by the party.

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# 'Hilarious'. Real Hipsters of Vancouver creator laughs off detractors

With a studio deal just weeks from being inked, Real Hipsters of Vancouver creator Britt Irvin says a petition bashing some applicants' audition tapes as inauthentic is "hilarious" but short on insider info about the burgeoning reality show.

Among the petition-writer's demands (which could be tongue-in-cheek) are that the show only consider people who have dropped out of Emily Carr in the last decade, possess a DJ alias and dress entirely in vintage, American Apparel, or flea market finds.

Irvin and co-creator Jesse Haddock posted a casting call on Craigslist last month that quickly garnered national media attention. They have since received more than 100 audition tapes — some of which, but not all, made it onto YouTube.

"It's funny because the audition tapes that they're referencing are all people who just put their auditions public, so literally none of the people that made any of those videos are really in consideration," Irving said.

"There were some really, really good ones. Some people put a lot of work into theirs, which is really cool."

Irvin said she and Haddock have a shortlist of brooding, bespectacled artsy types lined up for the cast, and are very close to signing a contract to make the show with a prominent L.A. TV studio.

She also shrugged off another criticism that repeatedly pops up on blogs and in comments sections: that real hipsters, by definition, will never admit their hipster-dom, and therefore the producers must be missing some of Vancouver's most outrageous suspender-clad characters.

"One of the people we interviewed made a really good comment," she said. "'It's the least hipster thing to do, but also the most hipster thing to do.' So, yeah, I don't think we've missed out at all."

The deadline for applications has passed, but Irvin and Haddock are still watching more tapes as they come in and are open to casting the right latecomer.

The change.org petition only had 17 signatures as of Wednesday, so it's possible the author just wanted to write a funny, if questionable, litmus test of a true hipster.

KATE WEBB/METRO

**Would-be Real Hipsters**

**100**

The creators have received more than 100 audition tapes since they posted a casting call on Craigslist last month.

**2011 incident**

## Police recommend more charges in Stanley Cup riots

Vancouver Police have recommended another batch of charges in the 2011 Stanley Cup riot.

Police say 34 new charges have been sent to the Crown for approval against 10 more rioters.

In the almost two years since the riot after the Vancouver Canucks lost Game 7 of the Stanley Cup final to Boston, 1,086 charges involving 325 rioters have been recommended.

More than 100 people have pleaded guilty without trial and received sentences ranging from jail to house arrest.

The first person to actually go on trial for participating in the riot was found guilty on three charges earlier this month. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Teen among accused**

## Three charged with murder after man found dead in Prince George

Three people, one of them a teenager, have been charged with second-degree murder in connection with the slaying of a man in Prince George.

Mounties in that city say 23-year-old Gordon Adolph and 24-year-old Christopher Flanagan have each been charged with the killing, while Adolph has also been charged with indignity to human remains.

A teenager, who can't be identified because of his age, faces two counts — one of second-degree murder and another of causing indignity to human remains.

Officers have not released the hometown of the teen and will only say he is under 18 years old.

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CEO Jacqui Cohen opens the door at 8 a.m. sharp, marking the start of the annual Army & Navy shoe sale in Vancouver on Wednesday. This year's sale ends May 5.

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# Sale puts shoe lovers in a frenzy

**Army & Navy.** Wading though piles of studded flats and leather boots, hundreds of shoppers, mostly women, took part in the hunt

CARA MCKENNA
The Canadian Press exclusively for Metro

Stilettos were strewn everywhere just two hours into the first day of the 64th annual Army & Navy shoe sale in Vancouver on Wednesday.

The Gastown location was one of six stores selling off 146,389 pairs of shoes for under $40 this year in the week-and-a-half-long bargain grab for footwear from designers like Calvin Klein and Steve Madden.

On Wednesday morning, footwear filled the baskets of frantic shoppers, while perspiring employees ran back and forth to restock rapidly disappearing shelves.

The sale is an annual dream for anyone head-over-heels for boots, but a nightmare for those who get cold feet at the sight of hundreds of voracious bargain hunters.

"There's more size nines over there!" a girl exclaims, rushing off to a shelf on the opposite side of the store.

One man, Rick Johnson, rummaged through boxes of assorted shoes in an attempt to find the perfect pairs for his wife, who couldn't make it to the sale because she was working.

"Our five-year anniversary is coming up, so I'm buying her some hot stuff," he said.

Another shopper, Tammy Chan, had a basket overflowing with everything from leopard-print ankle boots to sparkly red pumps reminiscent of the Wizard of Oz.

She said it was probably her 20th year at the sale.

Store manager Caleb Vollenberg said the key to surviving each year is staying organized, and over 50 employees at work stocking shelves, bringing stock out from backrooms and picking up abandoned shoes from the floor.

"We have a sorting team in the back that are simply sorting them and pairing up the shoes, putting them back in the box and then they're hitting the floor again," said Vollenberg.

He said this year's event has been about the same size as other years.

To date, nearly three million pairs of shoes have been sold at the Army & Navy sale.

**Not for the meek**

**"I can't handle this anymore!"**

**One female shopper,** as she left the store empty-handed

D.O.A. frontman Joey 'Shithead' Keithley KATE WEBB/METRO

# Punk-band founder to play for NDP

With an unsuccessful bid to become the NDP nominee for Coquitlam–Burke Mountain behind him, Joey "Shithead" Keithley, founder of punk-rock band D.O.A., is going back to helping the best way he knows how: rocking out.

Keithley lost the race to represent the New Democrats to two-time world champion wrestler Chris Wilson.

On Saturday he will support Vancouver–Point Grey NDP candidate David Eby's effort to unseat Liberal Premier Christy Clark by playing a solo acoustic show from 8 to 11 p.m. at Saint James Hall at 3214 W. 10th Ave.

Eby, the former executive director of the B.C. Civil Liberties Association, lost to Clark by less than 600 votes in a 2011 byelection.

On May 3, Keithley will play a similar show for NDP Vancouver–False Creek candidate Matt Toner, who is challenging former Vancouver mayor and Liberal nominee Sam Sullivan.

That show runs from 7 to 9 p.m. at Go Studios at 112 E. 3rd Ave.

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## Afghanistan. Flooding, earthquake leave at least 25 people dead

Floods in northern Afghanistan killed at least 14 people, and an earthquake that struck the northeast and neighbouring Pakistan on Wednesday left 11 people dead and scores injured, officials said.

The flooding deaths occurred in Balkh province, where heavy rains on Tuesday sent deluges down hillsides of villages in the remote districts of Kishindih, Sholgara and Nahri Sha. Five people were missing, 1,795 families were displaced from their homes, said local officials.

The quake caused casualties in two provinces of Afghanistan that border Pakistan.

In Nangarhar province, at least 10 people were killed, 110 were injured, and about 100 houses destroyed or damaged, said the provincial governor's spokesman, Ahmad Zia Abdulzai.

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Zimbabwe

### Grain reserves dangerously low

Zimbabwe's grain reserves are running dangerously low ahead of new but poor harvests caused by erratic rain, an independent development bank said Wednesday.

The African Development Bank said the strategic reserves have become so depleted that commercial millers have been stopped from buying supplies from the state.

The shortage of corn has also raised prices of the staple food as 1.6 million Zimbabweans already depend on food aid, it said.

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# Building collapse kills scores, many trapped

**Bangladesh.** Canadian retailer Joe Fresh among brands made in one of the garment factories in complex

Rescuers tried to free dozens believed trapped in the concrete rubble after an eight-storey building that housed garment factories collapsed, killing at least 149.

Searchers cut holes in the jumbled mess of concrete with drills or their bare hands, passing water and flashlights to those pinned inside the building near the capital, Dhaka.

"I gave them whistles, water, torchlights. I heard them cry. We can't leave them behind this way," said fire official Abul Khayer. Rescue operations continued through the night.

Rescuers look for survivors in the debris of a building that collapsed in Savar, Bangladesh, Wednesday. At least 149 people were killed. A.M. AHAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The disaster came less than five months after a factory fire killed 112 people and underscored the unsafe conditions in Bangladesh's massive garment industry.

The complex that collapsed included a bank and shopping mall as well as factories that produced a "small number" of items for Canadian retailer Loblaws Joe Fresh clothing line, among other customers. "We are extremely saddened to learn of the collapse of a building complex in Bangladesh and our condolences go out to those affected by this tragedy," Loblaws spokeswoman Julija Hunter said in an email.

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# Sexual-assault trial.
# Woman must remove niqab in court, judge says

An Ontario judge says a woman's niqab "masks her demeanour and blocks both effective cross-examination by counsel for the accused and assessment of her credibility by the trier of fact." GETTY IMAGES FILE

An Ontario judge has ruled that a woman must remove her veil to testify against the men she is accusing of sexual assault, saying it "masks her demeanour."

The 37-year-old woman, known only as N.S., alleges two men sexually assaulted her over five years, starting when she was six years old.

The question of whether she should be allowed to testify while wearing her niqab went to the Supreme Court, which issued a split decision but set out a test for judges to decide in individual cases.

The case is now back in provincial court, and Judge Norris Weisman ruled the woman must remove her veil to testify.

Weisman noted that he had to balance her religious freedom with the accused men's right to a fair trial, but in the end he was concerned that her face covering would hinder assessment of her credibility, possibly resulting in wrongful convictions. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Harbour collision

## U.S. trawler, Cdn. navy frigate finally separated

A U.S. fishing trawler that hit HMCS Winnipeg has now been separated from the frigate in Esquimalt harbour, near Victoria.

The trawler, American Dynasty, spent most of Tuesday with its bow crumpled into the side of the Canadian warship, but the vessels were finally separated late in the day.

The Department of National Defence hasn't disclosed how badly the HMCS or the jetty have been damaged. They say an investigation continues and the Seattle-based company that owns the trawler is fully co-operating. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The American Dynasty, right, collided with HMCS Winnipeg. CHAD HIPOLITO/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Chiheb Esseghaier, one of two men accused of plotting a terror attack on a VIA Rail target, is led off a plane at Buttonville Airport just outside Toronto. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# VIA Rail accused met with al-Qaida rep, sources say

**Court outburst.** Criminal Code 'is not a holy book,' says the man arrested in alleged plot to hit passenger train

The Montreal suspect accused of plotting a terror attack on a passenger train allegedly met with an al-Qaida operative before coming to Canada in the summer of 2008, sources say.

And this put him on the radar of security officials here, say the sources, who have knowledge of the investigation into the alleged VIA Rail plot.

Tunisian-born Chiheb Esseghaier has been under surveillance for a year, and police became increasingly concerned after what was seen as erratic conduct aboard an airliner en route to Mexico last spring. The event resulted in no charges, but worried law enforcement.

However, it was a recent change in behaviour that triggered police to arrest him at a McDonald's in Montreal's Central Station — not political expediency or the Boston bombing, sources said.

His co-accused, Raed Jaser, was arrested at his North York workplace on Monday.

In a Toronto court on Wednesday, Esseghaier asked to speak, saying, "We know that this Criminal Code is not a holy book.

"It's just written by set of creations and the creations they're not perfect because only the creator is perfect," he added.

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New powers

## *Vote stirs fears over liberties*

MPs have voted to give Canadian officials "exceptional" powers to probe potential terrorist acts — powers that critics say trample on civil liberties.

Anti-terror legislation passed Wednesday will enable preventive arrests, meaning Canadians can be held for up to three days without charge.

And it opens the door to investigative hearings where people can be compelled to testify under threat of detention.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Pimping trial. Why did police take three weeks to make an arrest?

GRAHAM LANKTREE
Metro in Ottawa

A disturbing fact has become apparent in the Ottawa trial of three accused teen pimps.

After the first alleged victim complained to police, it took cops almost three weeks to make an arrest.

Meanwhile, the girls are alleged to have pimped out two other teens and sexually assaulted three more.

As the first alleged victim in the case took the stand this week, the 18-year-old revealed how the first john she met the night of May 18, 2012 — when she was 17 — made her dress up in a pink bikini with gold leggings before he had sex with her without a condom, against her will.

Last week, the girl's mother testified how the next day — May 19 — police took a statement from her about what happened after she heard the story from her daughter.

The following week on May 25, police recorded a video interview with the alleged victim.

Yet a second girl was allegedly victimized by all three accused on May 30, 2012.

That girl, the Crown alleges, was robbed and brought to three different johns before she made it home and her mom called 911.

Ultimately, two of the accused teenage pimps were arrested on June 8 and 9, 2012.

The three, who cannot be identified by law, are charged with human trafficking, forcible confinement, assault, robbery and uttering threats.

Quoted

**"Ain't no problems like ho problems. I got ho problems."**

Tweet by one of the accused teens, discussed in court

Research destroyed

## Animal-rights break-in costly

A break-in by animal-rights activists who freed about 100 laboratory animals has cost years of research and hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage, the head of pharmacology at Milan's state university in Italy said.

Prof. Francesco Scaglione said most of the research is seeking treatments for brain diseases such as Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and dementia.

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Mass-mail campaign

## Tories hit Justin at our expense

The Tories are launching a mass-mail campaign against Justin Trudeau — at taxpayers' expense.

Tory MPs are urged to use their mailing privileges to blanket their ridings with flyers. Costs come out of each MP's office budget — supplied by taxpayers.

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# 'Wayne Mustardson' feels a seal-hunt chill

A satirical campaign against the Canadian seal hunt by the International Fund for Animal Welfare got a chilly reception from Inuit demonstrators on Parliament Hill on Wednesday.

A staged appearance by "Wayne Mustardson, Minister of Obsolete Industries," to announce fictional tax credits for items like sealskin curtains and seal-blubber house paint, ended up being heckled by a small crowd that included aboriginal seal-hunt advocate Aaju Peter.

Peter accused the animal-rights activists of "destroying livelihoods of East Coast sealers, destroying livelihoods of Inuit families."

"Do you even (know) what you're talking about?" Peter asked.

IFAW spokesperson Michelle Cliffe said the demonstrators' hostility was misplaced because their campaign is not aimed at the aboriginal seal hunt.

"We don't know of any animal-welfare group that's opposed to Inuit subsistence hunting, so the discussion is an unfortunate one, but there's that misunderstanding," she said.

Morley Hanson, an instructor with Nunavut Sivuniksavut, an Inuit college program in Ottawa, accompanied his students to the demonstration.

As far as he was concerned, IFAW's attempts at humour fell flat.

"Buffoonery like this, political theatre like this guy just put on just shows great disrespect to a large portion of Canadian society," he said.

"I think that's deplorable," he added.

STEVE COLLINS/FOR METRO IN OTTAWA

Aaju Peter, left, confronts an International Fund for Animal Welfare member portraying "Wayne Mustardson, Minister of Obsolete Industries," on Parliament Hill. STEVE COLLINS/FOR METRO IN OTTAWA

New furor?

**A ruling Thursday from a European court is expected to reignite an international debate over Canada's annual East Coast seal hunt — which has begun off Newfoundland.**

- **Plea.** A group led by the Canadian Fur Institute has asked the Luxembourg-based court to strike down a European Union ban on seal products.

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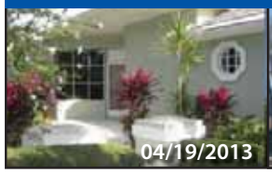


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# Glymm closure leaves members in lurch

**Montreal.** Customers of beauty-box service say they're owed products

IRENE KUAN
Metro Online

The business of beauty boxes appears to have hit an ugly bump as Montreal-based Glymm abruptly closed its virtual shop last Friday, leaving members wondering what happened to their money.

Glymm member Kalyn Lord, 27, an Ottawa-based blogger, said she's not shocked at the news after months of delayed shipments, subpar sample bags and shoddy customer service.

"They asked customers to be patient on Facebook and promised an email newsletter with updated shipping schedules, and at the end of the day, that's all we received from Glymm — empty promises," Lord said. She said she is owed two months' worth of products.

Members were told Glymm shut down via a short email on April 19. Simultaneously, its website, Facebook and Twitter pages vanished.

Paul Fournier, one of the founders of Glymm and — according to LinkedIn — a sales and e-commerce director at Montreal-based fashion brand Mackage, has not returned phone calls. Metro was told by a receptionist that he's on vacation.

A screen grab from the now-defunct Glymm website. METRO

**What's a beauty box?**

- The beauty-box industry has grown since LuxeBox, Glymm and TopBox all launched in 2011, with thousands of Canadian women paying to have attractive packages filled with sample-sized beauty products mailed to their doors each month.

## Barrick under fire on all fronts

Protesters display an effigy of Barrick Gold Corp.'s chairman and founder Peter Munk outside Toronto's Metro Convention Centre Wednesday as the mining company held its annual meeting. While the protesters focused on environmental issues and corporate responsibility, shareholders expressed their disapproval by voting against an executive pay resolution. Barrick had come under fire for a $11.9-million signing bonus paid to co-chairman John Thornton that was part of a $17-million payment package he received last year. The company has also been hit hard by falling gold prices, and work on its Pascua-Lama mine — which straddles the border of Chile and Argentina — was suspended by a Chilean appeals court amid environmental concerns about the construction of the world's highest-altitude gold and silver mine. "This has been a tough year for Barrick and our shareholders. It seems as if our company has been under siege by several disappointments and setbacks," CEO Jamie Sokalsky told the meeting. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Mobile cheque cashing arrives north of border

**Banking.** To make a deposit, just snap a couple of photos with your smartphone

The technology has been around for a few years in the U.S., but Canadian consumers are finally getting access to a mobile tool to cash their cheques by taking a photo with their smartphone.

This week, the Westminster Savings credit union in B.C. began accepting cheque deposits with its mobile app. Meridian in Ontario and Affinity Credit Union in Saskatchewan are set to follow suit next month. "Anything that we can imagine we can do in the branch or online our members are looking to do eventually on our phones," said Meridian's senior vice president and chief information officer Gary Genik.

"One of the last things left for members to drive them into the branch ... is to actually deposit and get access to cash. This provides the ability to deposit a cheque from the comfort of their own home, office, cottage — wherever they happen to be."

The technology is simple. Users just need to take photos of the front and back of a cheque to cash it within the app. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Quoted**

**"You get home from work (and) the last thing you really want to do is go back out to a branch to deposit a cheque."**

Gary Genik, Meridian's senior vice president and chief information officer

**Labour disputes**

## French gov't not OK with amnesty for threatening rioters

A labour-union flag and a pile of burning tires are seen outside Goodyear offices in Amiens, France, on Feb. 26. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

The French government will not vote for a law that would give amnesty to workers who ransacked company offices or threatened their bosses during labour disputes. The measure stirred debate in France, especially since it passed the Senate just days before violent clashes between police and protesting tire workers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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**Personal finance**

## Canadians paying off debt faster

Fewer Canadians are letting their debt repayments lapse for more than three months compared with a year ago, according to a report by Equifax Canada.

The study found that the percentage of unpaid non-mortgage debt classified as going into 90-day delinquency was a moderate 1.2 per cent in the first quarter of this year, a slight increase from 1.19 per cent in the fourth quarter.

But Nadim Abdo, Equifax's vice-president of consulting solutions, says this rate was markedly lower compared with 1.39 per cent in the first quarter of 2012. "This is a very positive story. It shows a lot of financial control. People are not kind of going crazy spending when they shouldn't be spending." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# BUT THEY'RE CANADIAN ...

HE SAYS

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If there are two topics that all Canadians love, they are taxes and history. As the tax deadline approaches, I thought it important to look back at how Canadians came to be the happy, taxpaying nation that we are today.

Strap yourself in. It's a wild ride.

**Time is Money: A History of Canadian Taxes**

**1500s:** Native groups collect percentages of food from passing European explorers. The Europeans are angry at first, but they are also early Canadians: They calm down when they learn that low-income explorers can reclaim a percentage of their cornmeal at the end of each fiscal year by attaching schedule C of form 1256 to their tax return and checking the box "voyageurs, door-to-door salesmen and other itinerant workers."

**1652:** Louis XIV of France imposes a 10 per cent tax on moose pelts in his colony. At the time, this was considered a sin tax. You don't want to know.

**1751:** Nova Scotia begins charging duties on billiard tables. Furious Nova Scotians, disguised as aboriginals, raid three ships in Halifax Harbour and try to throw hundreds of billiard tables into the sea, but only manage to throw out their backs. They're angry at first, but also Canadian: They decide to get blind-drunk instead, kicking off a tradition still observed by Haligonians to this day.

**1867:** Canada (now better known as The Harper Government) is created, forcing the need for tax-funded flags, calendars, and pencils with flags on them. The federal government is given the high-cost items of the time, such as railway buildings and finding the best performers for the big Canada Day bash. Canadians are angry at first, but they're Canadian: They calm down when they see that the feds scored Franz Liszt for the Parliament Hill concert.

**1884:** The federal government places a vice tax on snuff. In an attempt to counter the obvious moral issues, the government labels each snuff tin with a 1-88-SNUFF-OUT number and a message asking, "Snuffed Enuff?"

**1917:** Prime Minister Robert Borden introduces the Income War Tax Act, saying that shortly after the war "the measure should be definitely reviewed." The official Hansard transcript adds that the prime minister gave big knowing winks throughout his comments before giving a running high-five to everyone in the front row of the House of Commons.

**1927:** The Department of National Revenue is created. To keep taxes down, the government promises the new department will be a low-cost affair with only one person to answer the phone for the whole country, an edict that is still in place.

**1960s:** The government begins using computers to collect tax information, guaranteeing that employees who had previously found the deluge of tax returns unmanageable could now sooth their nerves with games of Solitaire and Minesweeper.

**1993:** The Liberals break an election promise to eliminate the GST. After years of being calmly Canadian, taxpayers have finally had enough and punish the Liberals by tossing them from office 13 years later.

And that's a look at Canadian tax history. If it ever angers you, arm yourself with knowledge. Once you've read about important moments like Lawson v. Interior Tree Fruit and Vegetables Committee of Direction (that's real, I swear), you'll be calm again. If not comatose.

## ZOOM

# Domo arigato, Mr. Roboto

JEFF J MITCHELL/GETTY IMAGES

### You've got to hand it to him

Patrick Kane, 16, who lost his left hand as a baby, has become the first person in Britain to be fitted with a prosthetic hand that is so advanced it can be operated by a smartphone. METRO

**He's 'app-y'**

- Using a mobile-phone application, the user can choose between 24 different pre-set grip patterns.
- When the user wants to use it manually, electrodes in the wrist pick up electrical impulses created by contracting muscles. Electrodes then transmit commands to a tiny computer implanted in the artificial hand. The computer then moves it into the desired position.

**Let's shake on it**

**"When I'm meeting new people, it's a great conversation starter."**

Patrick Kane

**Clickbait**

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**While most www bots have a sole purpose to irritate anyone in their automated paths, some have surfaced with no other goal than to bring sheer delight to those caught in their webs. Give any of these a follow for some 9-5 hilarity.**

**@RedScareBot:**
Nominated for a social-media Shorty Award, Robot J. McCarthy retweets (with added snark) anything with a seemingly Communist bent. Examples that have gotten the red flag? "Chris Rock is my favorite communist because he's the funniest communist." Joe would be so proud.

**@Procrastibot:**
For those who need a little nudge getting off Twitter, Procrastibot sends a gentle reminder to "GET BACK TO WORK" at key lazy points in the day.

**@pimentocheese:**
Pimento cheese retweets all mentions of this Southern delight.

**Comments**

**RE: Justin Trudeau Video Pitches End To Attack Ads, published April 24**

I still know nothing about his platform, policies or ideas for running the country ... How about some substance, Justin? I'm not going to vote for you just because "Harper needs to go." Give me some reasons other than your nice hair and boyish smile.
**Scott Ox posted to metronews.ca**

His father handed Canada over to Quebec and is one of the most hated Canadians of our generation (all federal jobs requiring first language French, endless supplies of tax dollars being dumped into Quebec with equalization payments, etc). Justin is only there because of his name but I don't think he hates English Canadians as much as his family. It's going to be a tough mix as he already has the guaranteed ... French vote and has the acting training to boot to sway English Canadians. Should be a fun ride.
**Crease posted to metronews.ca**

Brilliant reply! When the Tory ads started immediately after Justin's victory, all I could think was "they must be really scared if they feel they need to bash him already, and he has(n't) even done anything."
**DaleWale posted to metronews.ca**

Now this is a really prime example of taking the high road. I'd like to hear more about his political platform, though, so Justin Trudeau definitely has my attention.
**Jay posted to metronews.ca**

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# The man they call Shaheen

**Chan Centre.** Palestinian oud musician Simon Shaheen to play anthemic Arab songs and original compositions

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I have about as much musicality as a dial tone. I feebly attempted to learn the recorder and guitar when I was a kid, but quickly flatlined on both instruments. Clearly, rock stardom was not in the chords for me.

Simon Shaheen, on the other hand, comes from a musical family. It is, as they say, in his blood. And he's been playing the oud since he was just five years old.

He began playing the violin shortly afterwards and more than a half-century later, the Palestinian musician is widely considered to be the go-to guy for bringing Arab music to the West.

And he's playing the Chan Centre Saturday night, where he'll be performing anthemic 1950s and '60s songs by Arab composers that have been reinvigorated by the recent freedom movements in North Africa and the Middle East.

Shaheen will also be performing his own original compositions.

"Our 12/13 season was all about artists who wrought change through music," says Chan co-managing director, Joyce Hinton. "We could think of no better (way) to cap it than with a concert celebrating the most significant social revolution in recent history.

"Shaheen is a musician who has spent his career transcending boundaries of geography, culture and genre. There is no one better-suited to share these beautiful works that have found new resonance."

Also performing will be singers Naji Youssef and Maysa Karaa. The evening will also feature a special guest dancer who will perform during one of Shaheen's original compositions.

**Transcendence**

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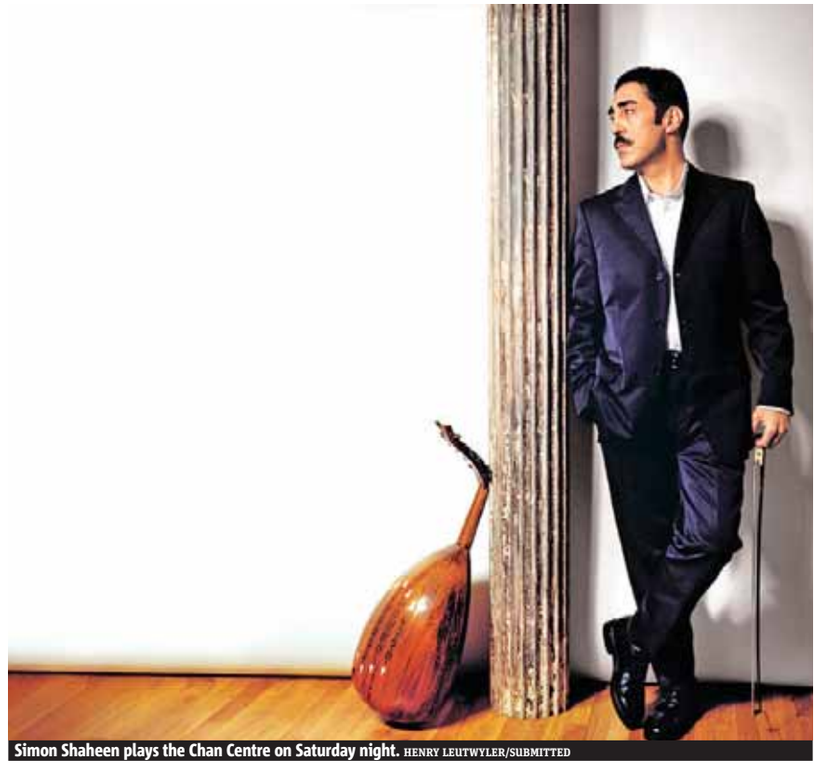
**Joyce Hinton, Chan Centre co-managing director**



**Simon Shaheen plays the Chan Centre on Saturday night.** HENRY LEUTWYLER/SUBMITTED

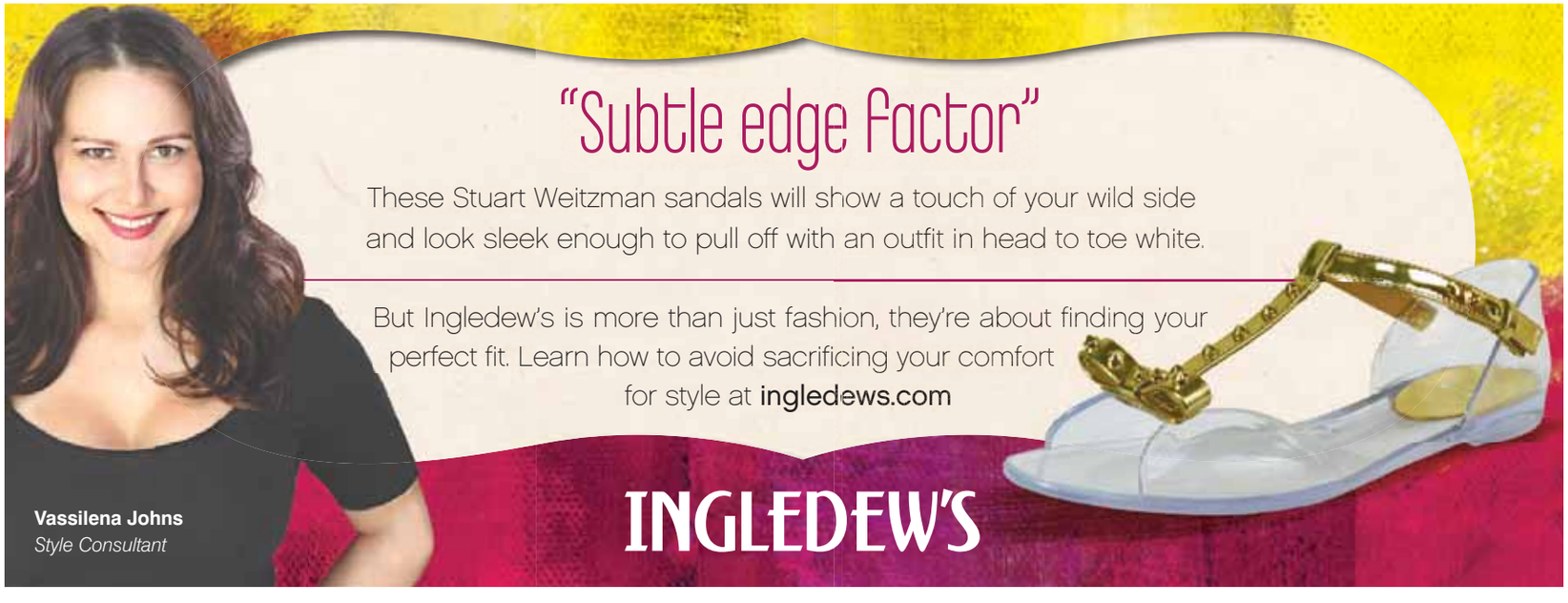
Simon Shaheen's The Call: Songs of Liberation is at the Chan Centre on Saturday. Tickets are $36-$72 through Ticketmaster.ca, or at the Chan Centre ticket office. For more information, visit ChanCentre.com.

**Nothing "meh" about the Kereshmeh Ensemble**

One of the leading Persian groups in Canada will be performing at the Museum of Anthropology on May 16 to celebrate Safar/Voyage: Contemporary Works by Arab, Iranian and Turkish Artists (it's on now).

The North Vancouver ensemble will feature guest artist and Iranian musician Hossein Behroozinia, along with guest musicians Hamed Afshari and Jamal Salavati.

They'll perform traditional Iranian songs with the tar, barbat, santour, tombak, kamancheh, gaychak bass and daf, amongst others. More information at Moa.UBC.ca.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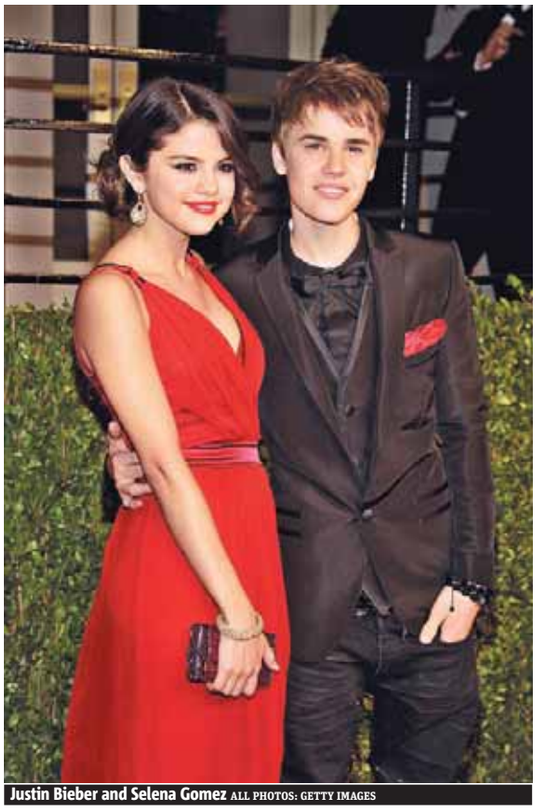

Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

## The one love for Justin and Selena?

Do Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez's make-out sessions during their reunion in Europe this week mean that the couple is back together? Maybe, maybe not, according to Us Weekly. "They have a crazy connection," a source close to Bieber says, but "they aren't back together."

Another source says it's anyone's guess: "Who knows with them? They're always back and forth." If they are in fact back together, Bieber can take the credit, according to a Gomez pal: "Justin pursued Selena and she gave in," the source says.

**The Word**

## *Sean Lowe is like a virgin, but not really*

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The Bachelor is a virgin no longer.

Nothing makes me roll my eyes harder than the phrase "born again virgin" unless it's a celebrity proclaiming, "We're going to be married forever!" As it turns out, Sean Lowe, who was known as the Virgin Bachelor on this season of The Bachelor for his insistence of not fornicating (again) until marriage, won't be sacrificed to the gods anytime soon. Two sources confirm in the new issue of Life & Style that Sean did in fact sleep with his fiancée, Catherine Giudici, while the show was still airing. "Yes, they definitely had sex," a "Bachelor insider" reveals exclusively to Life & Style. "The first time was the night he proposed in Thailand."

A second source close to Catherine confirms the flings, saying, "Sean and Catherine have hooked up already. The whole born-again-virgin thing is a bunch of B.S. It's just something he made up for the show."

Wait. A network made up something on a reality TV show in order to get ratings? Stop blowing my mind!

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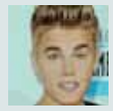

**@justinbieber**
will u always be there?

**@WhitneyCummings**
Stop making your nicknames longer than your actual name. Talking to you, Joe Joe.

**@AmandaBynes**
Dear @UsWeekly — I don't know why u feel the need to make up stories about me. I don't talk to light fixtures.

Reese Witherspoon

## Witherspoon's arrest not the end of the world, according to pal Chelsea

Everyone needs to calm down about Reese Witherspoon's disorderly conduct arrest, at least according to pal Chelsea Handler. "She's doing fine. She's doing fine, you know?" Handler tells Entertainment Tonight. "She was just trying to protect her husband. I mean, everybody makes mistakes, so it's not a big deal." Witherspoon's arrest came after she allegedly argued with an Atlanta-area police officer who had pulled over her husband, Jim Toth, for allegedly driving while intoxicated.


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# KE$HA

Pop's queen of chaos lets us in on her messy makeup tips, her music and her new MTV documentary.

# STOP. SPARKLE. ROLL.

**You're about to go on tour with Pitbull. How do you keep on top of your beauty regimen on the road?**
I could go for two days without a shower, but I always take care of my skin and my face. The rest of my life is chaos, but I'm pretty religious about that. I cleanse and moisturize all the time because I'm prone to having dry skin. I've also started putting a tiny, pea size amount of retinol in my night cream. It supposedly helps your skin exfoliate constantly.

**In your song TiK ToK, you sing about brushing your teeth with a bottle of Jack. Are you the type to fall asleep with your makeup on?**
Whisky isn't necessarily my first choice when it comes to dental hygiene. I always wash my face. Sometimes I just leave the eyes because I like my makeup better the next morning, it looks naturally wild. It creates this sexy, smoky eye that I don't know how to create myself. It looks great.

**Speaking of eyes, you seem to have a thing for glitter.**
I cover myself in glitter! I pour it on the ground, lay in it and roll around. Then my glitter roadie sprinkles it all over me. His job is to make sure every inch of my body is covered.

**Is he a makeup artist?**
No, he just has a beard.

**Your hair. The waves, the cornrows, it must be high maintenance.**
My hair is a constant battle. It's like the fifth member of my band. I have to keep it healthy. But it's a struggle when I'm bleaching and styling it constantly. So I sleep in Kérastase Deep Conditioner, Bumble and Bumble Mending Conditioner or Moroccan Oil. When I don't have someone plucking and prodding my head, I tie it up in a messy bun.

**You recently wrapped up filming your MTV documentary, Ke$ha: My Crazy Beautiful Life. Did you keep on a full face of makeup throughout filming?**
It's ridiculous … you'll see me with no makeup, no hair, no nothing. I'm running around without a bra on, looking so disheveled.

**A lot of tabloids have made a big deal about your recent weight loss. Has fame changed you, physically?**
Of course. I have to be stricter with myself than I ever was before. When I train for my tour, it's like I'm training for an athletic event. Every morning when I wake up, I try to meditate and get in the right mental headspace in order to kick ass. With my first record, I didn't realize how many eyes would be on me. This time around I'm prepared.

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# Thrill your style-conscious butler

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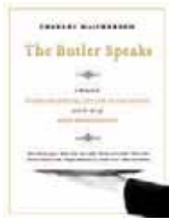
As a fan of Downton Abbey, I have fallen in love with those larger-than-life homes portrayed on the show. I may not ever get to live in one, but one can dream, can't he? But since I got a hold of The Butler Speaks (by Charles MacPherson, Random House) I've also taken on a whole new appreciation for the folks that live in the lower level of those big mansions. Knowing how to domestically survive in today's busy world is one of the most important things we can achieve. A well-run household (no matter how big or small) ensures a clean, orderly and, ultimately, stylish space. Here are a few basics to turn you into the perfect home butler. I think Charles The Butler would agree.

## The Butler Speaks




This is everything you never paid attention to while living at home: stylish entertaining, etiquette and the art of good housekeeping. Read this book and you will become the chicest domestic expert around. Written by Canada's domestic authority and world renown butler, Charles MacPherson. $30, randomhouse.ca

## Suck it up and get cleaning

This vacuum may be small, but it has the performance of a full-size machine, and is perfect for small spaces that still need a good cleaning once in a while. Its two-tier cyclone system helps to capture microscopic dust, mold and spores for the perfectly clean home. Dyson's DC51 Animal Upright, $550, futureshop.ca

## Steam perfect

From tablecloths to cotton shirts, a compact steamer will keep most fabric items around the house looking smooth. Every stylish walk-in has one, so why shouldn't you? Rowenta Pro Compact Steamer, $70, sears.ca

## Tray chic in bed

Wanna serve breakfast in bed? Then do it right with a sturdy-handled tray made of renewable bamboo. Its folding legs make it convenient for storage. Natural Living Bamboo Breakfast Tray, $25, sears.ca

## Silver glove service

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# Sausage and spring greens enhance penne

**1.** Bring pot of salted water to a boil. Add the pasta and cook for a few minutes less than the recommended time on the box.

**2.** Meanwhile, cut off and reserve Swiss chard stems. Chop Swiss chard leaves coarsely. Cut the stems into 1/2-inch lengths.

**3.** In skillet over medium-high, heat oil. Add sausages and cook, stirring, 3 minutes, or until browned. Use slotted spoon to transfer sausages to a bowl.

**4.** Return skillet to medium heat and add onion. Cook until golden, 5 minutes. Add garlic and cook, stirring, for 1 minute.

**5.** Add Swiss chard stems to skillet, cover and cook 3 minutes. Remove lid and add half Swiss chard greens. Stir and cook, stirring occasionally, until greens are slightly wilted. Add remaining greens, cover and cook, stirring occasionally, until completely wilted. Add tomatoes, hefty pinch of salt and the red pepper flakes, if using.

**6.** When the pasta is almost done but not quite al dente, drain it, reserving 1 cup of the cooking liquid. Add pasta and 3/4 cup of the cooking liquid to skillet and simmer 4 minutes, adding more cooking liquid if necessary, until pasta is al dente and most liquid has evaporated. Add sausages, then season with salt. Divide mix among 4 shallow bowls and top each portion with some cheese.

This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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**Ingredients**

- 8 oz whole-wheat penne
- 1 lb Swiss chard
- 2 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 4 oz sausages, halved length wise, then sliced 1/2-inch-thick crosswise
- 1/2 cup finely chopped yellow onion
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 15-oz can (about 1 3/4 cups) chopped tomatoes, preferably fire roasted
- Kosher salt
- 1/2 tsp red pepper flakes (optional)
- 1 1/2 oz grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese

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# MAKE CHANGES ONE ROOM AT A TIME

Pretend you are walking into your home for the first time. Chances are, once you take that mental step back, you will notice cluttered spots and outdated decor that could use freshening up.

Rather than overwhelm yourself with a whole house overhaul, start making small, easy changes one room at a time. You won't spread yourself — or your wallet — too thin.

### BATHROOM

Make your bathroom swankier by displaying everyday items in glass. Use Mason jars, sugar kegs or even old jam jars to hold your cotton swabs, cotton balls and toothbrush. If your linen closet is overflowing, and perhaps a little musty, too, air it out and display clean towels rolled up in a basket or recycled wooden crate. And if all else fails, it's shocking what a fresh shower curtain can do to shift the bathroom's style.

### KITCHEN

Even the best kitchens are sometimes lacking in countertop space. Free up some of that precious commodity by giving everything on the counter a new home. Start with a wall-hanging spice rack, which you can build, buy or upcycle from old shelves. If you have a bulky, cylindrical container on your countertop that holds large utensils, transfer them to a wall-mounted flower pot.

### BEDROOM

Time to redo the core of this room — the bed. New sheets and a mountain of matching pillows are great, but if you want to get your hands dirty, try creating your own headboard. It only takes a tiny bit of sewing to create a slipcover for your current headboard, and you can set the tone for the whole room. If you are looking for something more rustic, see if you can dig up weathered wood. Paint and sand an old door or shutters to match the room's theme and mount it behind the bed frame.

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# OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

## PACIFIC POINT II OFFERS STYLE AND FUNCTIONALITY IN YALETOWN

Opportunity may come to those who wait, but sometimes opportunity knocks unexpectedly.

That was the case for Nat Bosa, president of Bosa Development, when the opportunity to purchase a 21-year-old mixed-use tower on Homer Street in Yaletown became available in 2012.

For Bosa, there was no question that this building would make a stellar new addition to the already impressive lineup of homes Bosa is in charge of building and selling.

This building is now the home of Pacific Point II, a refreshed and modernized version of the building that was originally purchased by Bosa.

"All the homes have been renovated and, in some cases, redesigned to appeal to a wide range of homeowners who are looking for style and functionality," says Lisa Murrell, Bosa's sales and marketing manager. "Essentially, it's a brand new building on the inside."

Each unit has been redesigned by award-winning designer Cristina Oberti, who selected imported Italian cabinetry by Armony Cucina, sleek undermount sinks, stainless appliance packages, and a newly introduced ensuite laundry. Living rooms and bedrooms are spacious, and kitchens, some of which have windows, tend to be large enough to accommodate two cooks.

The above average sized suites, many of which have generous ensuite storage, often include walk-in closets or flex rooms. Inside the building, residents will get to experience a mix of the old and the new through the impressive list of amenities.

Residents will be able to enjoy a huge indoor swimming pool, hot tub, sauna and workout facilities, as well as a yoga stretching area and residents lounge.

An upgraded lobby and hallways will greet residents, along with the soaring overheight lobby with marble-tiled walls, slate tile floors and a glamorous banquette bench around the central pillar.

The 28-storey building contains 214 units including studios, one-bedroom-and-dens, junior two-bedroom-and-dens, two-bedroom-and-dens, and penthouse suites, with sizes rangine from 448 to 1,678 square feet.

Pricing begins at $369,900 for the well-designed junior-one bedroom/studio suites, and the huge one-bedroom and den units begin at $409,900.

Pacific Point has four beautifully appointed show homes, located at 1323 Homer St., to demonstrate the tremendous outlooks and the high-end finishings.

For more information about Pacific Point, visit pacificpointcondos.com.

# A DISTINCT NEIGHBOURHOOD FOR SAVVY URBANITES

There is no question that Yaletown is one of the hottest areas in Vancouver, and Nat Bosa, president of Bosa Development, knew that when purchasing Pacific Point II in 2012.

"The greatest asset of this building is its location, in my opinion," Bosa says. "When you have a great location, hesitation disappears quite quickly because you can replace the building, but you cannot replace the location."

This 1323 Homer St. location offers big views of both False Creek and David Lam Park, and is within a walkable neighbourhood that is rich with boutiques and restaurants.

"Residents will be able to enjoy these beautiful new condominiums in a neighbourhood that has a ton of character," says Lisa Murrell, sales and marketing manager at Bosa Development.

"Pacific Point has the advantage of being in the ideal location within Yaletown, virtually one or two blocks from every amenity an urbanite can imagine — shops, restaurants, parks, transit, among many others — while retaining a quiet and exclusive feel."

Yaletown has been revitalized over the past 30 years when it was once a warehouse district. It is now a happening neighbourhood with a downtown lifestyle and friendly, community-feel.

"Yaletown has evolved into a very distinct neighbourhood with all its amenities and proximity to the waterfront," Murrell says. "This is the ultimate location for savvy ubanites."

It is easy to get out and experience the Yaletown community. There are a number of green spaces nearby and Pacific Point is located right next to the Seawall, a scenic waterfront pathway to walk, run or cycle all the way around downtown Vancouver and Stanley Park.

Access to transit is also a great selling feature for this area, with the Canada Line SkyTrain and major bus routes located within a short walking distance.

With housing prices in Vancouver on the rise, Murrell says many families are deciding to purchase affordable condos in great neighbourhoods, instead of the classic single-family detached home out in the suburbs.

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# BE A REBEL

## LISTEN TO YOUR GUT WHEN YOU ARE CHOOSING ANTIQUES

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It's out with the new, in with the old in decor as more people are turning to antiques to add a sense of tradition to their otherwise modern homes

With so much out there, how do you know what is really a few hundred years old and not reproduced in the last decade. Is that really a Chippendale at your local antique store? We checked in with expert Christopher Rebollo of Christopher T. Rebollo Antiques in Buckingham, Pa., for tips on what to buy.

### TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS

"Buy what resonates with you. The opinions of design school professors and home decorating magazine editors are just that, their opinions. Mid-century modern is popular right now. If you like that period, by all means pursue it. If Victorian seating set ablaze with jewel-tone cut velvet floats your boat, who are we to sneer? Be a rebel."

### EDUCATE YOURSELF

"At least half the fun of collecting is learning why the objects are made a certain way or look the way they do. Learn why some Newport, R.I., high chests are made with detachable legs — much easier to export by sea to far-flung ports — and why a specific glass bottle should always feature a rough pontil mark rather than a smooth polished one."

### BUY THE BEST YOU CAN AFFORD

"This bit of advice is admittedly cliché, though for good reason. As the great early Boston dealer Israel Sack once wrote in his Ten Commandments of Antiques, 'Bargains in antiques are sometimes fatal.' In this context he was likely referring to the inadvertent purchase of either a fake or a heavily restored piece bought cheap. While this is still a concern for anyone not relying on the expert advice of a knowledgeable adviser, it is equally important to resist the mediocre. It's better to own a masterpiece with some appropriate restorations than an all-original pig."

### ART OVER MONEY

"There is entirely too much emphasis placed on price. It's off-putting. Yes, it is fun to see the proverbial little old lady hit the jackpot on an appraisal program. We can't help but get excited to hear of the yard sale porcelain bowl fetching millions of dollars at auction. Unfortunately, this publicity promotes the fallacy that art and antiques are out of reach for everyone except for the super rich, or worse, that collectors should focus on investment potential rather than the art itself. This is supposed to be fun."

*– Rachel Vigoda*

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# NEW OPPORTUNITY AWAITS YOU

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## CHOOSE FROM TWO CAMPAIGNS AT ELLIOT STREET

It's not enough that Elliot Street will tower over Columbia Street, the Pattullo Bridge and vistas beyond. It's not enough to be "two blocks" from the SkyTrain and even closer to shops and restaurant — Elliot Street has taken it another step farther.

It's been described as a new approach, a new program and a new opportunity that awaits you.

"There are a lot of incentives out there and it's easy for buyers to be confused," says Bill Morrison, president of Pilothouse Project Marketing. "Here is the test we use — does the developer have a long-term view and connection to the homes? If they do, like at Elliot Street, the program is the real thing."

They have introduced two very different campaigns, both of which are so powerful that even people from within their own company are taking advantage of them.

A chance to live mortgage free for two full years or own a rental investment without lifting a finger for five years is just too good to pass up. Even with today's lower interest rates, mortgage payments can still be a burden.

Elliot Street and the developers (The Censorio Group) have solved the problem.

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For those who like to invest in prime real estate, the second program is for you. The developer guarantees rent, rental management, vacancy insurance (never a vacant month) and pays the strata fees until 2020.

At Elliot Street, the choice is yours — invest and own a completely hands-free rental investment with a guaranteed rent cheque delivered to your door every month until 2020, or move in yourself and live mortgage free for two full years. The opportunities are endless.

Whichever program fits best, it is your choice and the spacious suites come with spectacular finishings, incredible water and city views, and all only steps to the SkyTrain.

For more information about Elliot Street by Censorio, visit the sales centre at 336 Columbia St., New Westminster, or call 604-524-8080.

## ENJOY MIXTURE OF HISTORICAL CHARM WITH A MODERN FEEL

It may be hard to imagine a community with such a mixture of historical charm and a fresh, modern feel, but that is exactly what you get when you make your home in New Westminster.

"New Westminster is a hidden gem, for sure" says Courtenay Edwardes, marketing manager for Pilothouse Real Estate.

"Buyers are coming to New Westminster because it is very central, affordable and has every something for everyone. Homeowners that have made New Westminster their new community are really happy and most wish they had moved in sooner."

For Edwardes, and the 60,000 other residents of New Westminster, the brand new Pier Park and River Market are great examples of how the "new New West" has changed in recent years.

Pier Park is a cool, new place to gather with friends, spend time with your family, or simply relax and watch the activity on the Fraser River. The park really feels like an urban oasis and could easily be on the Hudson River in New York as the Fraser River in New West.

Whether you are looking for the perfect community to raise your family, or a place with a great nightlife, there is no need to look any further.

"New Westminster attracts a lot of different buyers," Edwardes says. "Some people don't know the history, but Columbia Street was known as the 'Golden Mile' and was much more popular than Vancouver."

It feels like those days are coming back as a drive down the new Golden Mile these days is so different from only a decade ago.

The facades of the heritage buildings are all being saved, but the new convention centre, hotels, shops, restaurants and theatres are springing up everywhere.

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With quick and easy access to downtown via one of the five different SkyTrain stations, this community appeals to young professionals as well, no matter what part of town in which they choose to live.

It's only a short walk to transportation from nearly anywhere and you can be in Vancouver in 27 minutes.

Growing families will be happy to see the many elementary, middle and secondary schools available, including the new elementary school under construction on Agnes Street right in the heart of the St. Mary's District.

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# INVEST IN SURREY

## BE IN THE MIDDLE OF IT ALL WITH PARK AVENUE

Becoming the centre of economic growth in the Greater Vancouver area, now is the time to invest in property in Surrey, says Isaac Chan, director of sales at Concord Pacific.

"Surrey consistently rates as the best city to invest in Western Canada," Chan says.

He adds that Surrey is expected to see an increased population growth by about 250,000 by 2040, projected to surpass the population of Vancouver within the next 20 years. In fact, more than 10,000 new residents move to Surrey every year.

The economy in Surrey is flourishing with many corporate offices already headquartered there, including RCMP, CRA, Fraser Health, and Coast Capital Savings.

Civic and government investments are boosting 6,000 new jobs to the area.

For those looking to live, work, and play in Surrey, Park Avenue by Concord Pacific is the perfect place to do so. Part of the Park Place community, the largest urban community in Surrey, Park Avenue is the second phase of what will be a great transformation to the area.

Located close to everything and next to the SkyTrain station, the community is exactly where you want to be. With thousands of acres of parkland and green spaces, an abundance of bike lanes and trails, state-of-the-art facilities, and its close proximity to the U.S. border, these homes are perfect for just about any buyer.

The landscaped gardens and natural water features within Park Avenue create a peaceful oasis, and many Park Avenue homes look out onto the 350-metre-long Quibble Creek greenway, a protected natural habitat.

Park Avenue is minutes away from Surrey's new city hall and performing arts centre, Simon Fraser University, the new flagship regional library, SkyTrain, Central City Mall, Holland Park, as well as its own Park Place Plaza.

Conveniently connect to the city of Vancouver and the rest of the Lower Mainland by SkyTrain, adjacent to the Park Place Community.

"With the new Park Avenue coming soon, it won't be long before people from across the province and from afar realize they've bought into some of the best and most coveted real estate in the province," Chan says.

# STEP INTO AN EXCLUSIVE RETREAT OF AMENITIES

In the heart of Surrey, Park Avenue is a luxury 40-storey development by Concord Pacific, featuring 424 homes, ranging from 450 to more than 1,000 square feet, which embrace classic beauty and elegance with modern amenities.

"When you get home from work, it's important to have a way to rejuvenate," says Isaac Chan, director of sales at Concord Pacific. "For us, it was about finding a way to let our residents feel pampered."

And pampered they are.

The Club PA allows residents to leave their worries behind by stepping into a exclusive retreat of resort inspired amenities. Take a dip in the large outdoor swimming pool, or take a break in the private, resort-inspired cabanas. The pool house offers another level of escape to residents, with a large entertainment catering kitchen, hot tub, steam room and sauna.

Take in a film screening in a theatre-type atmosphere in the karaoke media room that is sure to provide lasting memories you will share with friends for years to come, or play a game of billiards in the finely appointed grand lounge.

For those more active, serve up a few balls in the private tennis court, stretch out in the yoga pavilion, master your handicap on the putting green and golf simulator, or get your sweat on in the state-of the art-fitness centre.

Once you have completed your activities, kick back and relax in the sky garden, complete with landscaping, seating, a fire pit and views that capture awe and inspiration.

When you head back to your home, take pride in the comfort and style that awaits you in your suite.

The interior floor plans of the one- to three-bedroom homes are both functional and spacious with a seamless flow from room to room. High-end finishings — such as engineered quartz countertop, marble tile backsplash, soft close cabinetry with smart organizers and glass shelving under-cabinet lighting, and modern Kohler chrome finishes — will heighten the sense of luxury, according to Chan.

Park Avenue homes start from the low $180,000s, with 250 homes less than $250,000.

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# ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF A BALANCED LIFE

## HARMONY IS OASIS IN CENTRAL RICHMOND

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Come home to a residential retreat when you make your home at Harmony.

Harmony is located in the highly sought after and amenity-rich neighbourhood of Central Richmond, and offers residents balance and tranquility with the convenience of downtown living.

"Embracing the essential elements of a balanced life, Harmony is an oasis of calm mere minutes from the hustle and bustle of the city centre,"says Chris Colbeck, vice-president, sales and marketing, Townline.

Designed by award-winning Rafii Architects, Harmony was inspired by the concept of yin-yang and pays tribute to the rich Chinese culture through the art of Chinese paper cutting.

From building orientation to its perfect blend of comfort and luxury, Harmony's every detail has been carefully chosen to ensure a perfect balance of positive energy throughout, resulting in a home that is at once vibrant and healthy, beautiful and durable.

Developed by Townline Homes and Peterson Group, each home has been designed to make sure no space is wasted through efficient, functional and thoughtful layouts.

"These homes offer highly livable, functional plans with a high-end finish at an affordable price," Colbeck says. "It is less about hype and more about long-term substantial value proposition."

Inside each suite, residents will come home to a clean, contemporary aesthetic with gourmet, full-sized stainless steel appliances, flat painted ceilings, stone work stations, laminate flooring, quartz countertops and waterfall details, and five-and-a-half-foot soaker tubs, just to name a few.

To take luxury to the next level, this lavish 16-storey concrete highrise boasts spectacular, unobstructed south-facing views where no new construction will exceed four storeys, in addition to the beautiful North Shore Mountain views to the north.

Your new home at Harmony will become the envy of all your friends and family and will quickly become everyone's favourite place to gather.

Entertain or relax on the 15,000-square-foot landscaped rooftop patio that features a Zen garden, children's play area, gated dog run, and spacious deck for barbecues. And state-of-the-art amenities are readily available to Harmony residents, with easy access to the Harmony gym and lounge.

Experience Harmony first-hand on April 27 at the public opening of the new Harmony Discovery Centre, located at 7180 No. 3 Rd. (at Bennett Road).

For a limited time, find out how you can save $26,690 on your new home at Harmony.

For more about Harmony, visit harmonyrichmond.com or contact 604-278-3939 to schedule an appointment.

# LOCATION IS ALL ABOUT CONVENIENCE AND LUXURY

Quiet, tranquil and everything you need just steps outside your front door — that is what Harmony will offer its residents.

"We are in a very central, convenient, walkable, amenity-rich area, without the congestion and noise of a busy centre," says Chris Colbeck, vice-president, sales and marketing, Townline. "People get the best of both worlds — it is harmonious."

Located just south of Richmond's downtown core at 8288 Granville Ave., Harmony is within walking distance of all your urban lifestyle essentials.

In just 10 minutes or less, walk to a number of different shops, restaurants, parks, schools and entertainment.

Explore the rest of the city or be in downtown Vancouver is less than 30 minutes by hopping on the Canada Line at Brighouse SkyTrain Station — also just minutes from your doorstep.

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This location is all about convenience and luxury. When you live at Harmony, you are only 10 minutes away from the airport, 20 minutes from downtown Vancouver, and over the border in less than half an hour.

Although Harmony is located in Central Richmond, you will never be disturbed by the sounds of planes flying overhead.

"We are off the flight path and away from heavy traffic, so it's more peaceful and less congested," Colbeck says.

With peace in mind, Townline's approach has been simple — find the best central and amenity rich location and then provide extremely well thought out, efficient and functional plans with high-end quality finishings at an extremely competitive and value oriented price.

With Harmony, this is the perfect balance.

"There are no shortage of choice for homebuyers and investors in Richmond," Colbeck says. "What truly set Harmony apart from other offerings is the quiet, amenity-rich location, high quality, and our track record for delivering on quality and customer service promises."

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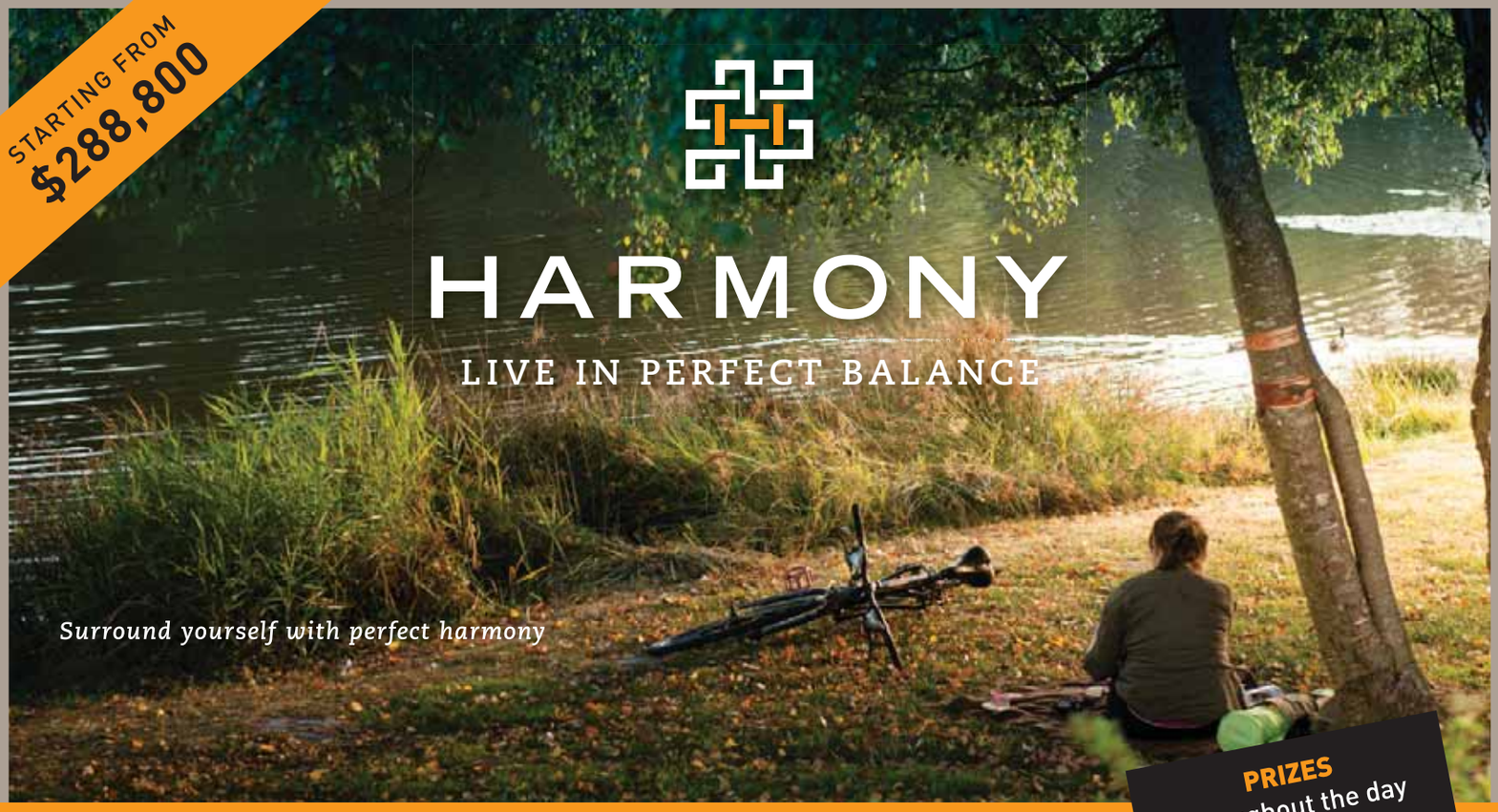


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Anthony Carrino and John Colaneri are the cousins and best friends behind Brunelleschi Construction.

This spring they are getting out of the kitchen and taking on bigger projects with tighter timelines and higher stakes in the new series Cousins on Call, airing Mondays at 10 p.m. ET/PT on HGTV Canada.

### PERSONAL ITEMS

Take any personal items you can fit into the design. We've taken old pieces of

furniture and redone them with a different stain or colour. It's a quick and economical way to use your old style with a new flair.

### WOOD FLOORS

For a total change, sand and stain your wood floors. You will see a complete transformation. People are leaning toward darker stains for a more contemporary look now versus natural wood. It can be a big update that costs less than a renovation.

### THINK OF LIGHTING

Pendants or chandeliers are a great way

to give your space a different look — whether it be contemporary, traditional or ornate. It's an easy fix to update outdated fixtures with today's design esthetic, which can transform a room.

### BACKSPLASH

A backsplash is the most economical way to get bang for your buck if you're happy with your cabinetry. The next step would be countertops.

### PLANNING

Plan out your design before you get started. Understand your budget. Pick one piece that will be the focal point and build out from there to ensure continuity and that all of the elements in your finished space will speak to each other.

### ALWAYS HAVE 10 TO 15 PER CENT CONTINGENCY

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# EPIC PROJECT

## SEYLYNN VILLAGE WILL BE A HOTBED IN LOWER MAINLAND

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Denna Homes, developer of Seylynn Village, is on the forefront of a major redevelopment in North Vancouver, one that has not been seen in this area for a number of years.

"Seylynn Village is an epic project that is pioneering the revitalization of a new vibrant town centre in the district of North Vancouver," says Nick Askew, president of Pacesetter Marketing.

Opening soon will be Beacon, the first of the three towers. This magnificent 24-storey marvel will feature 201 homes, ranging from one-bedroom (569 square feet) to three-bedroom with den (2,013 square feet) condos.

There will also be five, two-storey townhomes available for purchase.

"With very sharp prices, Seylynn Village will draw a lot of attention as the North Shore is viewed as the next development hotbed in the Lower Mainland," Askew says.

Homes at Beacon start from the mid $200,000s (one-bedroom) and two-bedrooms starting in the low $400,000s.

Each home has been built with world-class quality in mind. Triple-ply windows maximize energy efficiency and minimize sounds level, while air conditioned homes will offer residents total control of temperature year round.

These immaculate homes feature intelligent floor plans, and European finishing touches create a sense of luxury, with kitchens featuring stainless steel appliance packages, stone and marble countertops to make cooking and entertaining a real pleasure.

Hop aboard one of the three elevators in the building and head to the state-of the-art private amenity clubhouse, designed for the full relaxation of Seylynn's residents.

"With three world-class towers, this master-plan community will feature the best equipped amenity clubhouse on the North Shore," Askew says.

This private amenity clubhouse will contain a 25-metre pool, hot tub, sauna, squash court, fitness centre, yoga studio, and fully licensed childcare facility.

To find out more about these exciting new homes, call 604-980-5000, or visit seylynn.ca.

### WIN A FREE HOME

The dream of living rent or mortgage free does not have to be a dream any longer. Register online, book an appointment, and visit the Seylynn presentation centre to enter to win a free home. Developer Denna Homes will be gifting a free, one-bedroom condo to one lucky winner.

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# MODERN, TRENDY DEVELOPMENT

For some, it's all about the next big thing.

Whether it's clothes, cars or even neighbourhoods, Denna Homes, developer of Seylynn Village, is placing its bets on Lower Lynn as the next great community.

"Seylynn Village will be the first project in an area that will be undergoing a major revitalization over the next couple of decades," says Nick Askew, president of Pacesetter Marketing. "Many new commercial and residential developments will be built in this specific area."

This modern and trendy development will be at the heart of this up-and-coming community. There is no need to leave the area on weekends since it is rich with recreational amenities.

This Lower Lynn North Vancouver neighbourhood is just minutes away from everything you need, such as great shopping at Tilford Shopping Centre, dining and recreation.

On the doorstep of Mother Nature's playground, Seylynn Village is near the home of some of the greatest parks and outdoor adventure sites in the country.

"Seylynn Village is at the entrance of one of the largest network of biking and hiking trails in Canada," Askew says.

If hiking and biking are not on your list of activities for the weekend, test out your swing at Northlands Golf Course, grab a picnic lunch and enjoy Deep Cove, or head to one of the many recreational centres in the area.

Finish your weekend off with a nice dinner at one of the many different dining locations located near Seylynn Village.

Beacon, the first of three towers to be completed in Seylynn Village, is a great option for young professionals looking to stay close to the pulse of downtown Vancouver, but without the price tag.

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# NEW LIFE TO A NEIGHBOURHOOD

## QUATTRO 3 IN SURREY

Finding the right mix of style, convenience and affordability was the goal behind Quattro3 by Tien Sher Group of Companies.

After the tremendous success of the first two Quattro projects, Quattro1 and Quattro2, this 1,100-suite condominium development is sure to attract a vibrant mix of buyers, effectively bringing new life to the neighbourhood.

"Tien Sher CEO Charan Sethi's vision is that it will be the next Yaletown, really" says Corinne Ludovici, sales manager for Quattro 3.

Built on the 12-hectare Quattro project in downtown Surrey, Quattro3 is Surrey's first wood-framed, six-storey apartment complex.

Ludovici says this project is more than just building quality homes, but creating a community that residents will be happy to call home.

"It is truly the start of building a new community," Ludovici says. "The more you develop the more change you're going to see."

Surrounding Quattro3 is a number of great shopping, recreational facilities, arts and culture, and transit.

Gateway SkyTrain Station is only a five-minute walk and you can access almost any point in Vancouver without the stress of ever-frustrating traffic.

"It's kind of the gateway to get to downtown," Ludovici says about Quattro3's convenient location.

Nestled in a quiet residential area, Quattro is just far enough from the hustle and bustle of a busy city, but with the convenience of being in the heart of it all.

For some, stepping outside to get to their place of business will be a thing of the past at Quattro.

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One of Quattro3's more unique features is its live-work suites. The two-storey design provides residents with living space on the upstairs that can be kept completely separate from an office or retail outlet below. The suites open up directly on to the street for easy customer access, a perfect spot for a barber, nail salon or law practice, to name a few examples of businesses.

"Clients come in without even realizing they are walking into your home," Ludovici says.

Quattro is complete and ready to move into today. With prices ranging from $149,900 for a junior one-bedroom to $251,000 for a two-bedroom, buyers are undoubtedly drawn to Quattro 3's affordability.

To learn more, visit quattroliving.ca.

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Step outside your home at English Mews 2 and hop on the bus to the 22nd Street SkyTrain station in a matter of minutes.

"It's a very good location to travel in any direction," Simpson says.

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Whether staying within New Westminster or having to commute outside for work, English Mews 2 can meet the needs of a growing family or busy professional.

For the growing family, education is easily accessible with Queensborough Middle School, a 15-minute walk away, and Queen Elizabeth Elementary, a 10-minute walk from home.

Once school and work let out, playgrounds, walking trails, the Boro All Wheel Park and English Mews 2's own fenced-in yards offer kids and parents alike plenty of places to enjoy the outdoors.

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## THE STATION IN PORT MOODY

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Quality, innovation and design are what you will find at The Station, Aragon's new residential project.

This new 106-suite, six-storey mixed-use building in Port Moody is located on St. Johns Street and boasts a great range of layouts for potential buyers with a retail component.

When you step inside The Station, you are greeted by a grand, double-height entry lobby in a building you will be proud to call home. Once inside, each home has been given the same care as the next, with high-end finishings in each suite to ensure residents get the best value for their investments for years to come.

"We did not try to scrimp or save," says David Wan, director of sales and marketing for Aragon Properties Ltd. "It is a very well thought out home design. You have to see it to believe it."

Quartz countertops, stainless steel appliances and actual hardwood flooring bring a sense of luxury to your home without having to pay the luxury price tag.

The Station includes 28 contemporary-style stacked townhomes, along with the 78 striking condominium apartments, where high-floor units will have beautiful water and mountain views.

Residents will be overjoyed when they open their heating bills each month to see the huge amount of money they are saving, thanks to the geothermal technology used to heat and cool the home.

"The savings residents can receive is enormous," Wan says.

This $1.5-million environmentally friendly system comes at no cost to residents, and works by regulating the temperature in each suite through ground temperatures. Also, residents can feel safe with the secured, underground parking and private storage lockers.

Whether you are looking for your first home or looking to downsize, the right home is waiting for you at The Station. Starting prices for a one-bedroom condo begin at $250,900. The two-bedroom condos start in the low $300,000s. Or get into one of the luxury two-bedroom townhomes for $373,900.

Find out if The Station is right for you by getting a first-hand look of this exciting new project during the grand opening on April 27.

For more information, visit aragon.ca.

## EVERYTHING AT YOUR DOORSTEP

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Located only a block away from the current West Coast Express train station and the future Evergreen Line SkyTrain station, there is no wonder this spectacular new residential building is aptly named The Station.

With convenience for all residents in mind, this Port Moody property will have you on your way to almost anywhere you need to go within a matter of steps from your front door.

"All the day-to-day necessities are all right nearby," says David Wan, director of sales and marketing of Aragon Properties Ltd. "They are literally right at your doorstep."

The Station itself contains a retail component on the ground floor, perfect for those looking to add a little more function and fashion to their lifestyles. When you start to step away from The Station, there are a wide range of interesting shops and coffee houses within a short distance.

Across the street from The Station, young families will be delighted to find an elementary school basically outside their front door. "It is really a family-friendly neighbourhood where people of all ages can enjoy," Wan says.

The Station is also near a number of parks, such as Rocky Point Park, Port Moody's best known park. Here, you can spend your days swimming in the outdoor pool, hitting the bike trails, or taking the kids to the brand new Rocky Point Spray Park.

Whether it's the morning jog for yourself, or sending the kids to the skate park for the day, it won't be hard to promote an active lifestyle.

The Station was built in historic Port Moody with the customer in mind. Wan says Port Moody holds one of the highest average household incomes in the Greater Vancouver area.

With approximately 34,000 people living in Port Moody, The Station has been designed to provide a lifestyle that exemplifies all that is the City of the Arts and the needs of the buyers.

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Good things come in small packages, even when it comes to a home.

Highly functional and affordable, Balance by Tien Sher Group of Companies is tagged as Canada's smallest condos. This micro-suite, starting at 297 square feet, has a starting price tag of $109,900, a price almost unheard of in the Metro Vancouver area.

"If you can afford the $6,000 down payment, and make a salary of $17 per hour, we have a home for you," says Charan Sethi, president, Tien Sher, adding that these homes are perfect for first-time homebuyers looking to get their feet wet in the real estate market.

These homes have everything you need packed into one place. Although the space is no larger than two standard parking spots, it contains a functioning kitchen space, living area, closet, pull-down bed, and separate bathroom — all within a well-lit, bright environment.

Within your kitchen, you will find white pressure laminate cabinets with polished chrome pulls, modern quartz countertops with ceramic backsplash, and stainless steel sink with chrome faucet. Your appliances will include a 10-cubic-foot refrigerator, built-in dishwasher, food waste disposal, and freestanding range stove.

For your bathroom, your home will contain either a stylish contemporary skirted bath with shower head, or walk-in shower with sliding door.

You will never feel claustrophobic in this home with the nine-foot ceiling and open-air balcony, giving you plenty of vertical space to breathe.

If the small and simple lifestyle is not quite for you, larger suites of up to 649 square feet are also available in this development.

Now is the time to get into a quality and stylish home without having to completely leave the comforts of the city.

Located in Surrey, near the Gateway SkyTrain station, getting to Metro Vancouver could not be more convenient. Walk to shops, entertainment, and recreational facilities in a matter of minutes.

For those who drive, Balance is located within a quick drive to the Pattullo and Portman bridges. Your vehicle will be safe in the secure, double-gated parkade, armed with emergency alert buttons.

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Brickstone Walk (BSW II) is not your average condo community. In fact, Brickstone is not a condo community at all. Heritage-style townhomes with spectacular attention to detail and upscale finishings set these brand new homes apart from everything else in New Westminster.

When you are looking for a new home, there are certain things that have to be right. First is the physical location of your new home to meet the needs of your personal life and career. Once you have decided on the city, you must choose where in that city offers the amenities you value most, such as transportation, shopping and other services.

Style is also important to many buyers — finding a home that you love on the inside and out that you will be proud to show off to your friends and family.

BSW II has all of these qualities.

Inside, BSW II was designed to be a place that you can't wait to come home to after a busy day at work or a busy weekend around town.

Space and comfort was what they had in mind. These homes feature plenty of bedrooms, two balconies on many homes, stainless steel features, and smooth, cool granite countertops.

It is downtown luxury at suburban prices.

The builders of BSW II are very proud of their homes and you will be, too.

Outside, BSW II is heritage-inspired brick with craftsman wood detail — turn-of-the-century style with all the modern amenities.

Located in New Westminster, one of the fast growing cities in Greater Vancouver, it is a great place to call home. The Royal City is on the move with the new convention centre, four new theatres, the waterfront park, the River Side Market, plus sports, arts, culture and more.

New Westminster also has five SkyTrain stations, making it very easy to get around.

Visit the presentation centre at 306 6th St. in New Westminster and see for yourself why these homes have been so popular. The centre is open every day from noon until 5 p.m. except Friday.

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SPORTS 4

# Schneider out with mysterious injury

**NHL.** Luongo to start Thursday against Ducks

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Alain Vigneault has been in playoff mode for some time now, and he was in fine form on Wednesday.

The Vancouver Canucks head coach confirmed that goalie Cory Schneider is day-to-day with a mysterious "body injury" and will not play Thursday against the Anaheim Ducks at Rogers Arena.

Yes, a "body injury." There was no "lower" or "upper" attached to that.

Roberto Luongo will get the start against the Ducks, as the Canucks close out their home schedule for the regular season.

Joe Cannata has been recalled from the Chicago Wolves of the American Hockey League.

"He's got an injury that, obviously at this time, we're not willing to disclose and that's what it is," Vigneault said of Schneider, adding the injury occurred on Monday against Chicago.

Vigneault said he had planned to start Luongo in one of the two remaining games of the regular season.

The Canucks close out the regular season on Saturday in Edmonton against the Oilers. Now the question becomes whether Schneider, who has a 17-9-4 record with a .927 save percentage, will be ready for the playoffs, which begin next week.

The Canucks' injury report has reached new levels of vague, with the club describing starting netminder Cory Schneider's most recent ailment as simply a "body injury." THEARON W. HENDERSON/GETTY IMAGES

"We're hoping," said Vigneault.

Luongo has been sharp in his last two starts, which came after the drama of trade-deadline day when the Canucks could not deal the 34-year-old netminder and his 12-year, $64-million US contract.

In his last two starts, Luongo has two wins and played an integral part.

He stopped 40 of 41 shots in an emergency start against the Calgary Flames on April 10.

He followed that up five days later with a 36-save performance in a win over Nashville.

The Canucks are in an enviable position of having two high-quality goalies heading into the post-season, provided they're both healthy.

With the possibility of Luongo being traded in the off-season, Thursday's start could be his last at Rogers Arena in a Canucks uniform.

But Luongo isn't thinking that way.

"We play next week at home, so for me it's just a chance to play and keep building off the last two games that I've played and, like I said, providing the boys here a chance to win," he said.

**AHL affiliate**

## *Number of cities in play*

The Vancouver Canucks will take three weeks to a month to decide on a destination for their American Hockey League affiliate, according to general manager Mike Gillis, speaking on Team 1040 radio on Wednesday.

The Canucks recently purchased the Peoria Rivermen.

Gillis said the Canucks are talking with a couple of cities in the Northwest and that there are "six or seven places that could make sense."

Peoria, Gillis said, is still an option.

Abbotsford, currently the home of the Heat, the Calgary Flames affiliate, had been in talks with the Canucks about bringing their team to the Fraser Valley.

A deal between the city and the Canucks could not be reached.

**CFL**

## Lions re-sign pair of defenders

The B.C. Lions re-signed import defensive back Lin-J Shell and import defensive tackle Eric Taylor in deals announced Wednesday.

This will mark Shell's second season with the Lions, after he signed with the CFL team as a free agent last year.

Taylor returns for his third season with the Lions. He had 21 tackles and four sacks in 15 games last season. METRO

**MLS**

## Whitecaps rally for comeback win

Substitute Tom Heinemann scored in the 88th minute as the Vancouver Whitecaps rallied for a 3-2 win over FC Edmonton in the first leg of their Amway Canadian Championship semifinal on Wednesday.

The second game will be played in Vancouver on May 1. The winner will face the Toronto FC-Montreal Impact winner in the final for a spot in the CONCACAF Champions League.

Vancouver's winner came as Heinemann was falling forward but got a foot on the ball that bounced off the knee of keeper Lance Parker. That stunned the Eddies, who had played a strong defence through the first 37 minutes of the second half, trying to protect a 2-1 lead.

The Whitecaps pulled even in the 82nd minute when Camilo Sanvezzo scored his second goal of the game on a penalty kick after being fouled by Mallan Roberts inside the box.

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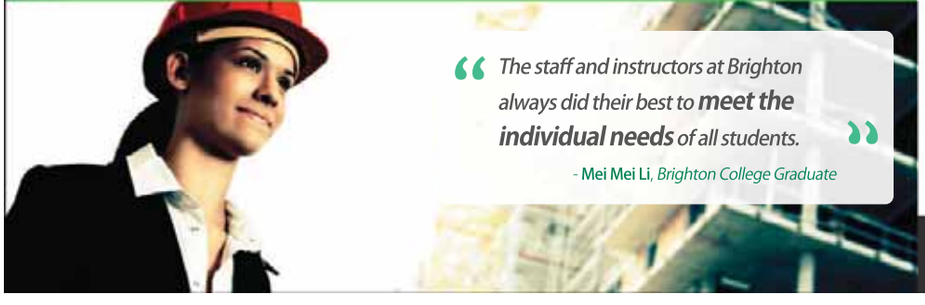

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## Horoscopes

### ♈ Aries
**March 21 - April 20**
You won't miss a thing that goes on today and every piece of information will be filed away for future use. Knowledge is power and you can never have too much of it. You won't abuse it though, right?

### ♉ Taurus
**April 21 - May 21**
You may not know what you have done to deserve so much good fortune but you would be a fool not to make use of it. Someone will try to make you feel guilty about it today. Don't let them.

### ♊ Gemini
**May 22 - June 21**
Resist the urge to point out others' faults and failings today. Keep your opinions to yourself and keep facts and figures that could cause relationship problems to yourself as well.

### ♋ Cancer
**June 22 - July 23**
You may wish you were some place else than where you are right now but you can still have a lot of fun. Make an effort to enjoy yourself over the next 24 hours — and bring joy to other people as well.

### ♌ Leo
**July 24 - Aug. 23**
What you discover about a loved one today may come as a bit of a shock but the signs have been there for ages. You may not agree with what they are doing but give them your support anyway.

### ♍ Virgo
**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**
There is no point clinging to an outdated way of doing things and if you think you can, the lunar eclipse will make things tough for you.

### ♎ Libra
**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**
If you want people to support what you are going to be doing then you must explain to them, in as simple language as possible, what it's all about.

### ♏ Scorpio
**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**
Today's lunar eclipse in your sign could cause a bit of trouble, but only if you allow your emotions to carry you away. Whatever happens, be it "good" or be it "bad", treat it all as part of the game.

### ♐ Sagittarius
**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**
It's not like you to let fear hold you back but for some reason unable to move forward or back. This troubling phase will pass. You'll soon be back to your cheerful self.

### ♑ Capricorn
**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**
Friendships are under good stars at the moment but there is a danger today that a small misunderstanding could grow into something much bigger. Whatever you see or hear, don't take it too seriously.

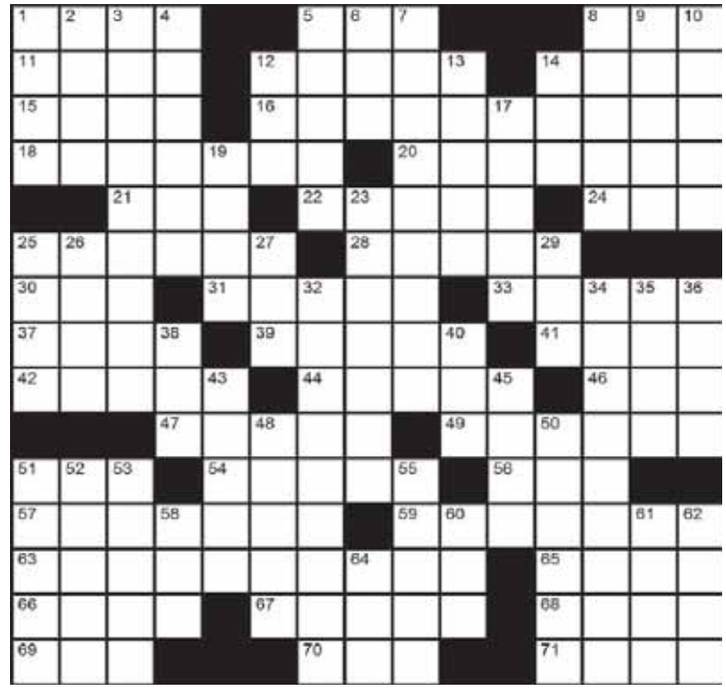
### ♒ Aquarius
**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**
Today's rather intense cosmic activity means the changes now taking place may not be entirely to your liking. That's too bad. You won't be able to change them back, so why not just go along for the ride?

### ♓ Pisces
**Feb. 20 - March 20**
There is so much information coming your way now that it threatens to drown you in facts and figures that all point in different directions. Follow your instincts. They're seldom wrong. **SALLY BROMPTON**

## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

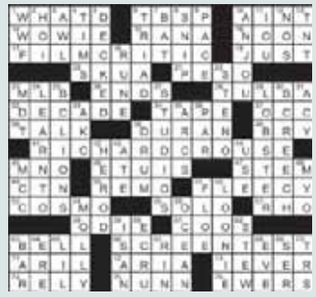
**BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN**



**Across**
1. Experiment-conducting spots
5. Jam container
8. __ Jones
11. Wings, to Nero
12. Belonging to Italy's capital
14. "...__ _ ring on it." - Beyonce
15. Assist
16. "I Will Give You Everything" band
18. Say again
20. Edmonton-born politician Mr. Manning
21. Summer mo.
22. Rent again
24. 'Comp' completer (Be 'green')
25. Gymnastics 'Horse'
28. "Quo __?" (Latin: Where are you going?)
30. Television alien
31. Mr. Studdard
33. Shore sights
37. "_ __ it!" (Yay me!)
39. Remedies
41. Dorothy's dog
42. Mr. Hough, pro dancer on "Dancing with the Stars"
44. Heads: French
46. "Platoon" (1986) war, for short
47. "The __ of Life"
49. The Arctic __
51. "What __ _, chopped liver?"
54. W. __ Wilson (Canadian entrepreneur who is part owner of the NHL's Nashville Predators)
56. Sixth music syllable, variantly
57. Paint coating
59. Quaker product
63. North __ (Birthplace of #54-Across)
65. __-dieu (Furniture piece for praying)
66. X-Men character, __ the Untouchable
67. Butterfingers
68. Earth goddess in Richard Wagner's opera Das Rheingold
69. Docs
70. Calendar spans
71. Pair

**Down**
1. Bert of "The Wizard of Oz" (1939)
2. Sailing side
3. Provincial tree of New Brunswick: 2 wds.
4. Deviated __ (Nose problem)
5. Batman foe, The __
6. Songstress Ms. Grant
7. Mars, The __: 2 wds.
8. "__ unforeseen circumstances...": 2 wds.
9. Others: Spanish [abbr.]
10. "That __ so bad afterall."
12. Alphabet trio
13. Begot
14. Some movie ratings
17. Comprehend: 2 wds.
19. New-__
23. Highest mount
25. Taken-care-of bill
26. Word with Ye
27. Director, Jean-__ Godard
29. Use a chair
32. Monarch __
34. Canadian hockey commentator: 2 wds.
35. And others, briefly: 2 wds.
36. A few
38. Rapper, Mos __
40. Dry, as wine
43. Afghanistan capital
45. Sediment
48. Fish __ Provincial Park, AB
50. __ up (Made stronger)
51. Beatles' White __
52. __ __ Pa (Some parents)
53. Rhythmical stress
55. Wrongdoings, in law
58. Liq. amounts
60. Woodworking tool [var. sp.]
61. Egypt-themed opera
62. Starring role
64. Particular pronoun

### Yesterday's Crossword



## Sudoku

**How to play**
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 3 | 7 | 9 | | 4 | | |
| | | 6 | | | | | | 5 |
| 1 | | | 5 | | | 9 | 6 | |
| | 3 | 4 | | 6 | 5 | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 1 | 2 | | 3 | 8 | |
| | 9 | 7 | | | 3 | | | 8 |
| 8 | | | | | | 2 | | |
| | | 1 | | 8 | 4 | 5 | | |

### Yesterday's Sudoku

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| 2 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 1 |
| 3 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 4 |
| 6 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 9 |
| 8 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 3 |
| 4 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| 9 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| 5 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 6 |
| 7 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 2 |

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